

collections of a strange *Chrysopsis* and of other puzzling plants. The border of the cypress swamps above the bridge crossing the Nottoway yielded fine fruit of several species which we had collected in the summer, but the open shores, where we expected so many species, had been severely chilled. Brown and limp, the plants were difficult to distinguish, though we worked until dark among them. Singularly enough, the tropical weeds, *Tagetes minuta* and *Heliotropium indicum*, were quite green, with abundant fresh flowers; but the indigenous herbs of shores, bars and sand-spits, such as *Eragrostis hypnoides*, which is native as far north as Maine, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, were brown, lifeless, frost-killed rags. Summer, even in southernmost Virginia, was over and it was time to go home.

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COCCOMYXA IN THE UNITED STATES.—Both Collins in Tufts Coll. Stud. 4(7): 77 (1918) and Smith in *Fresh Water Algae of the United States*, 368 (1933) based their reports of *C. dispar* Schmidle, Ber. d. d. bot. Ges. 19: 23 (1901), upon the single specimen from New Hampshire cited below. What is evidently the same alga was found during the summer of 1936 forming an abundant greenish stratum on woodwork in the spray of waste water from Cahoon's Ice House near Falmouth, Massachusetts. This appears to check in every respect with the material authenticated by Schmidle in Migula, Cryptog. Austr. & Helvet. exs. 26 & 27: 88, 'Hirschberg bei Schmalkalden, Thüringen, *T. Reinstein*, Oct. 1905' (Herb. W. R. Taylor, Herb. N. Y. Bot. Gard.). Prof. G. M. Smith has also examined a portion of this Falmouth collection. Specimens seen from the United States:

NEW HAMPSHIRE: on tree trunks, Chocorua, *W. G. Farlow*, Sept. 1916 (Farlow Herb.). MASSACHUSETTS: subaerial on sides of trough in spray of waste water, Ice Pond, Falmouth, *E. T. Rose & Drouet 1900*, 24 July 1936 (Herb. M. B. L., Herb. F. Drouet, Farlow Herb., Herb. W. R. Taylor, Herb. Yale Univ., Herb. N. Y. Bot. Gard., Herb. Mo. Bot. Gard., G. M. Smith, G. W. Prescott). NEW YORK: on log in woods, Orient, *R. Latham*, 20 June 1914 (Herb. N. Y. Bot. Gard.). PENNSYLVANIA: rocks above Chelton Av. entrance, Wissahickon Creek, Philadelphia, *W. R. Taylor*, 17 Oct. 1920 (Herb. W. R. Taylor).—FRANCIS DROUET, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, Mass.